(d) State Government has got the enquiry conducted and it is found that no wrong seeds were supplied to farmers, however, in some cases as mentioned in answer to part (b) plants did not bear flowers and pods due to non compliance of package and practices, untimely rainfall and no care to prevent Thrip insects.

(e) Question does not arise as no wrong seeds have been supplied.

Promoting Organic Seeds of Rajasthan

185. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Jhunjhunu District in Rajasthan will now showcase its completely organic lentils, tulsi and peas in food shelves across the West;

(b) whether it is a fact that these opportunities are opened up for the farmers of the State, as the international agency SGS has inspected, tested and certified them as organic products; and

(c) if so, how the Ministry proposes to promote organic farming on a much large scale across India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) No specific information is available with the Government in this regard. However, many farmers and non-Governmental agencies are engaged in the production, promotion and market development of organic produce of different crops and its certification by the approved certification cum inspection agencies.

(c) The Government has recently approved a new Central Sector Plan Scheme, National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) for implementation during the remaining period of Tenth Plan on pilot basis with an outlay of Rs. 57.05 crores for production, promotion, certification and market development of organic farming in the country.